

SENATE BILL 2454
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 9, relative to data recorders in motor
vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

§ 55-9-109.

(a) As used in this section, "event data recorder (EDR)" means a feature that is
installed by the manufacturer of a new motor vehicle and does one (1) or more of the
following, for the purpose of capturing data for retrieval after a crash:

- (1) Records vehicle speed or direction;
- (2) Records vehicle location data;
- (3) Records vehicle steering performance;
- (4) Records vehicle brake performance, including whether brakes were
applied before a crash;
- (5) Records the driver's seatbelt status; or
- (6) Has the ability to transmit information concerning a crash in which the
motor vehicle has been involved to a central communications system when a
crash occurs.

(b) A manufacturer of a new motor vehicle sold or leased in this state, which is
equipped with one (1) or more recording devices commonly referred to as "event data
recorders (EDR)," including "sensing and diagnostic modules (SDM)," shall disclose that
fact in the owner's manual for the vehicle.

(c) If a motor vehicle is equipped with an EDR that is capable of recording or transmitting information as described in subsection (a), and that capability is part of a subscription service, the fact that the information may be recorded or transmitted shall be disclosed in the subscription service agreement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all motor vehicles manufactured on or after July 1, 2007.